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During the week ended September 19, 1903, since which date no official returns have been received, infectious diseases were reported in Yokohama as follows: Enteric fever, 7 cases, 1 death; scarlet fever, 1 case, no deaths; diphtheria, 1 case, no deaths; plague, 2 cases, no deaths; dysentery, 10 cases, 1 death. No new cases of plague have since been reported to me.

An official statement of infectious diseases in Yokohama from the beginning of the year to September 19 has been received as follows: Cholera, no cases, no deaths; yellow fever, no cases, no deaths; smallpox, 2 cases, no deaths; typhus fever, no cases, no deaths; enteric fever, 113 cases, 29 deaths; scarlet fever, 2 cases, no deaths; diphtheria, 94 cases, 27 deaths; plague, 24 cases, 19 deaths; plague (doubtful), 3 cases, no deaths; dysentery, 135 cases, 17 deaths; dysentery (doubtful), 12 cases, 2 deaths.

The steamship *Tairen Maru* was quarantined at Kobe on the 27th of September owing to the fact that a passenger, an American woman, had developed symptoms of cholera after landing at Shemonoseki. The *Tairen Maru* hails from Chefoo via Dalny and Korean ports.

Cholera in Nagasaki.

The vice-consul at Nagasaki reports, October 26, 1903, to the Department of State, the presence of cholera in Nagasaki.

MEXICO.

Report from Progreso.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Harrison reports as follows for the week ended October 17, 1903: Present officially estimated population, 8,000. Number of deaths during the week, 3. Prevailing diseases, if any, are malarial and enteric. There were 2 cases of yellow fever reported about the 5th of current month, but both have been discharged. There is nothing of special interest, the conditions being unchanged here and in Merida. In the latter city the yellow fever is abating. The healthfulness of Progreso and immediate vicinity is satisfactory.

Bills of health were issued to the following vessels:

Date.	Vessel.	Destination.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.	Pieces of baggage disinfected.
Oct. 14	Esperanza	New York	94	27	46
11	Parthia	New Orleans	31
16	Tjomo	New York	18

Report from Tampico.

Temporary Acting Assistant Surgeon Lippincott reports, October 20, as follows for the week ended October 17, 1903:

Bills of health issued	6
Vessels inspected and passed	4
Vessels disinfected and passed	2
Personnel of crew	147
Passengers	2
Baggage	2 pieces..

During the week there were 8 new cases of yellow fever officially reported and remaining from the previous week 9, making a total of 17 cases for the week ended October 17, 1903.

There were 18 deaths registered from all causes, of which 3 were from yellow fever, 2 from pernicious fever, 2 from tuberculosis, and 11 from noncontagious causes.

There has been some improvement both in number of cases and deaths. This is probably due to a norther, which reduced the temperature sufficiently to kill many of the mosquitoes; also many of the cess-pools have dried up, thereby destroying the larvæ.

I find the stegomyiæ decreasing in number and the anopheles increasing.

The type of yellow fever now existing seems to be of a mild form. This will be noticed by death rate as in comparison with July and August.

The surrounding country still remains badly infected.

Report from Vera Cruz—Yellow fever, malarial fever, and tuberculosis.

Assistant Surgeon Goldberger reports as follows: During the week ended October 17, 1903, there were officially recorded, in all, 66 deaths, of which 18 were due to yellow fever, 4 to malarial fevers, and 13 to tuberculosis.

There were officially reported during the week 52 new cases of yellow fever, but inasmuch as these diagnoses are made almost invariably without a blood examination, without which an accurate diagnosis can not be made, certainly not in this region, where the æstivo-autumnal fever is prevalent and forms of which simulate yellow fever very closely, these figures should be considerably reduced.

There has been a considerable increase in the reported mortality from tuberculosis thus far this month, probably due in considerable measure to several "northers," which reduced the average temperature 6° to 8° C. This drop in the temperature may also explain, in connection with the sanitary measures now enforced, the reduction in the number of cases of yellow fever and the increase in malaria.

NICARAGUA.

Report from Bluefields, fruit port.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Goodman reports as follows for the week ended October 17, 1903: Present officially estimated population, 4,000; number of deaths during the week, 1; prevailing diseases, malarial fever and intestinal disorders; general sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good.

Bills of health were issued to the following-named vessels:

Date.	Name of vessel.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.	Pieces of baggage disinfected.
Oct. 11	Harald	18	0	0	0
15	Esther	18	10	0	14
16	Gyller	14	0	0	0